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Jordan Fi An independent mab political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation

Sharaf meets U.S. congressmen

WASHINGTON, May 9 (JNA) -- Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf met in Washington last night with members of the House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee for an exchange of views on the Middle East question and the bases of establishing a just and comprehensive peace in the area. He also discussed with the members, Jordanian-U.S. relations in the presence of the Jordanian ambassador in Washington, Mr. Abdullah Salah, Earlier today, Sharif Abdul Hamid met with journalists and TV correspondents to brief them on the latest Middle East developments and explain Jordan's keenness and that of the Arab states to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East. Sharif Abdul Hamid was scheduled to meet tonight with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance for a working

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Egypt, Israel differences on autonomy underlined

CAIRO, May 9 (AP)--A highranking Egyptian diplomat says the return of East Jerusalem to Arab rule will figure prominently in forthcoming negotiations with Israel and the United States over Palestinian autonomy.
Dr. Butros Ghali, the Minister

of State for Foreign Affairs, said in an interview with the Akher Saa weekly magazine published here today that the negodations which are to start on May 24 also aim at "transfering authority as a whole to the Palestinians' after the five-year interim period.

His remarks underlined the gulf separating the Egyptian and Israeli negotiating positions. Israel has stated East Jerusalem is former officials of an indivisible part of the holy city the Zionist state. And, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in a plan published Tuesday asserted that Israel will claim sovereignty over the occupied West Bank of Jordan and Gaza after the interim period of autonomy, and will not allow a Palestinian state.

> Dr. Gbali stated that at the forthcoming negotiations, Egypt will work on the basis of five prin-

-The interim period aims at guaranteeing the transfering of authority as a whole to the Pales-

--Helping the Palestinians establish and develop political organisations for self-expression leading to self-determination. -- The West Bank and Gaza

areas comprise all the villages and towns that Israel bas occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem which must he returned to Arab sovereignty.

-The elected Palestinian council (that will be set up within a year for that area) must enjoy all the rights of the full autonomy

SAN SALVADOR, May 9

(Agencies)--Leftist gunmen who

have beld San Salvador's Roman

Catholic cathedral since last Fri-

day fought a gunbattle with sec-

last night. Initial Red Cross

reports today said at least 19 peo-

were wounded. Some eyewit-

when members of the Popular

Revolutionary Bloc burned sev-

eral buses in San Salvador and

neighbouring towns, police

seized the cathedral on Friday

soon after comrades took over the

French and Costa Rican embas-

sies to demand the release of five

The battle erupted shortly after

a demonstration called by mem-

bers of the bloc fizzled out. But

groups of leftists went into the

streets and snipers opened fire

when security forces approached

Eye witnesses reported seeing

several dead bodies on the streets

but Red Cross officials, who were

allowed inside the cathedral area

hours after the shooting, said that

they evacuated at least 30 injured.

nine of them in critical condition.

Three gunmen remained holed up

at the Costa Rican embassy after

Costa Rican Ambassador Julio

Esquivel and four other hostages

of their jailed leaders.

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Leftist gummen of the bloc

reported.

Rioting also broke out last night

nesses reported a higher toll.

urity forces in front of the church

--Palestinian elections for that council must be carried out under

 international supervision. Egypt argues that although the Camp David agreements do not mention East Jerusalem it is understood to be part of the West Bank which will be restored to the Arabs in the context of Palestinian

And, Egypt argues that the Camp David accords provide for full autonomy for the Palestinians with a view towards selfdetermination which means a

Syria, Kuwait, Qatar attack Israel, Egypt at Manila meet

MANILA, May 9 (R)--Syria to improve their position in world today accused Israel of disrupting trade. economic development in the Middle East and North Africa by posing a permanent threat of military aggression.

Syria's director of international organisations, Mr. Mustapha Al Bitar, appealed to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for support to achieve "peace and progress" in the area.

After emphasising that countries in the Middle East and North Africa must cooperate to bring greater development to the area, the Syrian delegate attacked Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's recent peace treaty with Israel.

He said the treaty did not bring the Middle East closer to peace. "People believe this treaty is an attempt to enshrine Israeli occupation of Arab territory," he added.

The 159-country conference, the biggest trade talks ever held, is meeting for four weeks to seek a new international economic order to give poorer countries a chance

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Another 16 gunmen were hold-

19 killed, 38 wounded

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Kuwait's ambassador to the

dient for delaying U.N. resolin regions where peace and security are actually in danger.

ing five hostages, including Ambassador Michel Dondenne, at the nearby French embassy. reports today said at least 19 peo-ple were killed and at least 38 Kreps hopeful Sino-American trade pacts to be signed soon

PEKING, May 9 (AP)--U.S. Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps said today she still hopes to initial a Sino-American trade agreement before she leaves China and to sign the long-awaited claims-assets

The secretary also announced that formal negotiations on a Sino-American civil aviation agreement would begin as soon as possible. She said the current maritime negotiations begun well and a negotiator was prepared to continue after she leaves.

When asked if the trade agreement could be initialed before she Tleaves China on Mny 14, she said: "I think that's possible. It's a matter of bow far we can move on separate areas, like business facilitation, industrial cooperation, patents, trademarks and copy-

On the claims-assets agreement, she said: "I personally remain hopeful we can sign an agreement before leaving China;" The secretary met today with civil aviation officials and will meet tomorrow with Deputy Premier Deng Xiaoping.

The secretary declined to discuss the claims-assets agreement. which is the subject of delicate negotiation. It is understood that the Chinese want a list of American claimants which the U.S. government considers confidential.

The agreement was initialed in February by Treasury Secretary W.

Michael Blumenthal. Without settlement of the claims-assets problem, a trade agreement cannot be concluded. A senior member of the U.S. trade negotiating team said that on financial provisions and most-favoured-nation treatment for Cbina, both sides were fairly close to agreement. But in business facilitation, industrial cooperation and protection of patents, trademarks and

copyrights, the two sides had not advanced very far, he said.

Jordan suspends bilateral trade Stages ightning pact with Egypt A M M A N . M a y 9 tAgencies)-Jurdan has suspended its hillateral trade Incursion in the sustance of the s

agreement with Egypt and the preferential treutment accorded to Egyptian goods under the Arab Common Mar-

Egypt's membership in the Common Market has been suspended and the other three member countries -- Syria, Iraq and the Libyan Jamahiriyab, are expected to take similar meusures.

Finance Minister Mohammed Debbas vesterday told all customs posts in the country that all Egyptian goods were now subject to normal customs dues.

Under the Common Market agreement, goods imported by a member state from unuther country party to the agreement received preferential treatment which was reflected in a high percentage reduction to the customs dues.

The Jordanian measure is believed to be in retaliation for the signing by Egypt of a peace treaty with Israel. On Monday a defence order

banned all Egyptian newspapers from entering Jordan and stopped the import of films produced by the Egyptian public sector or by any company of the private sector which may have dealings with Israel.

U.N. in Geneva, Mr. Hassan

Dahbagh, also attacked the peace treaty. He said the Middle East was still suffering the effects of the Palestinians' loss of their homeland. This affected the welfare, security and development of the

Any attempted soludon must include all affected parties, involve self-determination for the Palestinian people, and must reject the principle of land being held by force of arms.

"Any solution not based on these is doomed to failure--like the last agreement reached between Egypt and the aggressors. Any such agreement also threatens a sensiove part of the world with more dangers", he

Another Middle East country, Qatar, said an Israeli threat to peace in the area was 'an elfective handicap for the Arab countries to perform their role and obligations among the third world according to their economic and human capabilities."

Oatar's ambassador to the U.N. in Geneva, Mr. Abdul Rahman Hamad Al Aniyab, said efforts to achieve a new international economic order would be inefficient if it were merely an expeutions about regions and peoples

with Armenians in Beirut suburb BEIRUT, May 9 (R)-Clashes

broke out today for the third successive day between right-wing Falangists and Armenians in a Christian eastern suburb of Beirut. Local residents said an Armenian newspaper office in the Nuhr (river) district was blown up overnight and its printing press damaged. The clashes have taken place in the same spot over the past two days, and a number of people were reported killed or wounded on both sides. The district is adjacent to a mixed 'Armenian-Falangist area and sniping today led to the killing of a police sergeant and wounding of a gendarme officer. The two men were manning a checkpoint on a bridge on the eastern approaches of the capital.

King Khaled to visit Morocco

RIYADH. May 9 (R)- King Khaled of Saudi Arabia will pay a state visit to Morocco this month, a palace statement today said. The statement, broadcast by the official Saudi Press Agency, said the visit from May 19 to 23 was at the invitation of King Hassan of Могоссо.

dawn was the biggest since more than 20,000 Israeli SHAQRA, Lebanon, May 9 (Ri--Hundreds of Israeli troops and right-wing Lebanese militias swarmed into this village in southern Lebanon today and briefly occupied it after a Palestinian commando raid in northern Israel. The lightning incursion at

As the armoured columns border enclave south of here, began withdrawing from Shaqra, replied: "The United Nations has eight kilometres west of the Israeli border, right-wing Lebanese not Lebanese." commander Saad Haddad threatened more strikes of this kind in

"Haddad and his forces are the only true leaders of Lebanon," Maj. Haddad told Reuters, "We are going to come again with our friends the IDF (Israeli Defence Force). Our sim is to set all Lebanon free."

Israeli regulars in two heavilyarmed armoured personnel carriers were the last of the 400 to 500-strong force to pull out of Shaqra, a farming village set atop a terraced ridge in an area under the control of Irish troops of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

But the 650-man Irish battalion was at half-strength when the Israelis and rightists struck, supported by armoured cars, jeeps and, according to state-run Beirut Radio, at least 25 tanks.

"We were in the middle of a routine rotation of forces," an Irish spokesman said. "Half the battalion had been withdrawn." Fijian troops stationed nearby reinforced the frish during what Irish officers called "a confrontation without firing" with the Israelis that resulted in tripartite of Lebanon and a pledge by Israeli negotiations between UNIFIL, Maj. Haddad and the Israelis.

Maj. Haddad, dressed in khaki fatigues and a peaked cap and carrying a Soviet-type kalashnikov rifle, was asked if he was prepared to cross U.N. lines in his quest to set Lebanon free. The major. who last month declared an independent "Free Lebanon" in a tiny

FEZ. Morocco, May 9

(R)-Islamic conference foreign

ministers today voted to suspend

Egypt from the 43-member

making certain observations.

ier Mustapha Niasse, ourgoing

chairman of the conference, said

no African countries participated

in the vote because the Organ-

isation of African Unity (OAU)

had not yet formulated its position

Egypt, which was prevented

on the Egypt-Israel treaty.

Falangists clash

ireaty with Israel.

Islamic meeting suspends Eqypt

had earlier reacted angrily to the suspension proposal. It said there was nothing in the

organisation because of its peace Conference spokesman Kacem Zuhiri said the vote approving a Syrian motion was unanimous. He said Oman did not participate and three African countries-Gabon, Senegal and the Gambia--expressed support after But Senegalese Foreign Minis-

got nothing to do here. They are

"I am planning to go elsewhere, wherever there is Lebanese land, Nobody can take this right from me, he said when asked if he planned to expand "Free Leba-

U.N. officers said today's incursion was the first direct Israeli penetration of its kind since UNIFIL was deployed in this area after the March 1978 invasion.

The incursion took place soon after a four-man commando squad anacked a kibbutz in Upper Galilee with rockets and heavy machine guns, western sources

No Israeli casualties were reported during the night attack on Kibbutz Manara. Western military sources in Beirut said one commando was captured after he stepped on a mine and was wounded. But a spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), said in Damascus that two of its men had been killed in an hour-long battle with Israeli border guards near the Kibbutz.

The Israeli action followed three consecutive days of air radis he Israel against Palestinian areas. Prime Minister Menachem Begin to destroy the commandos based

A Reuter correspondent in the border region said the Israelis had advanced two kilometres west of Shagra and set up a roadblock at a crossroads leading to the nearby villages of Braachit and Imailmeh. Correspondent Nazih Mustafa

from attending the conference because of the pact with Israel.

conference constitution allowing suspension of a member country. Mr. Niasse said Gabon, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Niger and Upper Volta, as well as Senegal all told the Fez meeting that they could not make a decision until the coming Monrovia summit of the

troops occupied a large area of the volatile southern Lebanon in March, 1978. It followed three days of Israeli air strikes against Lebanese targets.

said right-wing Lebanese miljtiamen accompanied by an Israeli the Zionist state. officer had occupied Majdel Salim village three kilometres north of

Branchit two days ago that they would be attacked unless they

UNITED NATIONS, May 9 (R)--Lebanon formally asked today for a Security Council meeting to consider the question of Israeli intervention in Southern Lebanon and the role of U.N. peacekeeping forces there, diplomatic sources said. The sources said, however, that many of the 15 council members were opposed to holding a meeting now when some western countries were trying to persuade Israel, through behindthe-scenes diplomacy, to change its policy. Yesterday in informal consultations, they said, council members asked the president, Portuguese Ambassador Vasco Futscher Pereira, to use bls influence with the Israelis.

joined Maj. Haddad's so-called "State of Free Lebanon" by Fri-

U.N. officers began Israelis at noon in an effort to persuade them to withdraw, but there was no immediate word on the

outcome of the meeting. The state-run Beirut Radio reported that there were at least 25 Israeli Sherman tanks in Shagra and said Israeli troops were conducting a house-to-house search.

U.N. sources said the Israelis entered the area about an hour after half of the 670-strong Irish detachment had left to be replaced by fresh troops.

As tension increased in the south, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held a meeting of his military commanders.

The Palestine News Agency (WAFA) said the Palestinians higher military council discussed the latest developments following the Zionist enemy's escalation of its aggression."

Mr. Arafat yesierday responded to the recent Israeli attacks

with a vow to step up raids inside

The latest violence came shortly after Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss rejected Mr. Local residents said the militias Begin's offer of peace talks, which had warned inhanitants of coincided with the Israeli air

It also highlighted the deepening plight of the 6,000-strong U.N. forces, trapped between warring parties with no mandate to fight except in self-defence. The force was set up to super-

vise a withdrawal of Israeli invasion forces last year and help the Lebanese government restore its authority in the border region. It has been firmly resisted by the

Israeli-backed militias, and Lebanon has asked the U.N. Security Council to strengthen the force. In an official report issued in

Beirut today, the UNIFIL command said its men had come under fire from "de facto forces" (militiamen) on three separate occasions last week. There were no casualties. in the same period, Fijian U.N.

troops blocked three attempts by unidentified "armed elements" to smuggle light arms ammunition into the UNIFIL area.

The repon added that four The correspondent said Irish armed men stole a radio and wearang from an Irish II N. vehicle last week, but the equipment was returned following intervention by a Palestinian military

Ibrahim to go to Moscow for Mideast talks

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA)--Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim will gn to Moscow tomorrow for a visit lasting sev-

He will have talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromykn on recent Middle East developments and Inrdanian-Soviet relations.

Mr. Ibrahim is currently in Fez, Morocco, taking part in the Islamic foreign ministers conference.

Israeli report criticises last year's army conduct in southern Lebanon

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. May 9 (R) -- An official Israeli report today strongly criticised the conduct of the army's invasion of southern Lebanon last year, saying there was looning, indiscipline and military incompetence. The findings were included in

an annual report submitted to the

Knesset today by the state com-

ptroller, watchdog of gevernment activities. Only selected parts dealing with the army and the invasion of

Lebanon were made public. The invasion in March 1978 sent Israeli troops to the banks of the Litani River. It was launched in retaliation for a Palestinian commando attack on a highway north of Tel Aviv. A large force of commandos seized a tourist bus and 37 civilians and soldiers were

The report said some of the 21 Israeli soldiers killed during the invasion were the victims of avoidable accidents with weapons and vehicles.

It continued: "soldiers were harmed by breaches of discipline. departures from standing or emergency orders, due to actions carried out not in accordance with training, due to mistakes, misunderstandings and other unspecified reasons including accidents with weapons, during work and in road accidents."

The report said at least 178 soldiers including officers had been caught looting, mainly electrical equipment and including refrigerators.

Out of the 27 tanks disabled during the invasion 21 were the victims of faulty decisions made by their commanders, it stated. They went the wrong way and over-turned or were bogged down the report said.

The report found there were serious deficiencies in mobilisation orders. In many cases the home addresses of reserve troops were incorrect.

Field intelligence services were found to be faulty and commanders complained at the lack of intelligence material during the operation. Much material was laier found to have been left behind at base camps, the report

"Our investigation shows that

the state of preparedness of some

of the units engaged was not satisfactory, despite the fact that this was an initiated operation. "Army general headquarters and the units involved should learn the full lessons concerning

mobilisation, discipline and the maintenance of equipment to ensure the state of preparedness of the units," the report said. Army headquarters said the comptroller's report was based on

documents it had supplied. Faults disclosed had already been investigated and steps taken to correct future abuses and mishaps, a spokesman said.



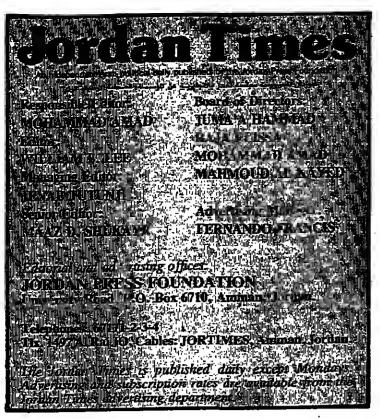
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Loss of innocence

IT IS OFTEN said that the Vietnam era marked the end of an "age of innocence" for the United States, an age during which the U.S. could morally police and culturally influence the world without bearing the burden of responsibility for the consequences, as the colonial powers had previously

Today, one suspects, Americans are more than ever having to come to terms with this loss of innocence, as it strikes home in an unmistakable way by hitting them where they hurt; in their pocketbooks and gas tanks.

By and large, the average American has up to now scarcely felt the impact of the inflation which has raged in the industrialised world since 1974; appeals from Washington for a national tightening of belts, attempts to hammer through a sensible energy policy, have for the most part failed to evince an apposite sense of urgency.

But now it looks as if the crunch has come. First to feel it is California--in GNP terms the eighth largest economic entity in the world--whose 22 million people are the owners of no less than 15 million motor vehicles; Californians are now queueing frantically at filling stations (and, in more extreme instances, holding them up at gunpoint or siphoning petrol out of their neighbours' cars) as the state imposes

This is the beginning of the "energy crisis" that Americans have been warned about. It comes less than a month after President Carter finally proposed measures aimed, in Newsweek's words, at "moderating the nation's air-cooled, central-heated, gasoline-guzzling life-style by making it too costly." The ill-timed disaster at a nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania has added extra urgency to the energy dilemma-in a positive sense by focusing public attention on the availability of alternative energy sources, and in a negative sense by making nuclear power--even with all possible safeguards--a less acceptable alternative to oil-fuelled methods of power generation. Another jolt has been the revelation that the seven U.S. Big Oil-companies are to be sued by the federal government for overcharging consumers to the tune of \$1,700 million since August 1973.

All this comes as a rude awakening. But critics argue that Americans have only themselves to blame: it can be said for example, that by overarming an aggressive Israel, the U.S. created the circumstances leading to the 1973 Arab oil embargo and subsequent OPEC price rises. Similarly, America's unswerving support for the Shah of Iran can be said to have contributed to the Iranian upheaval which interrupted that country's oil exports earlier this year and led to the present shortfall in U.S. crude supplies.

It is a case of Americans being forced to realise the extent to which they are responsible for the "external" factors which they are quick to blame for their problems. The same argument is postulated, for example, in the case of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA): if Americans feel smug about the fact that their government contributes the lion's share of the UNRWA budget, UNRWA officials might reply that it was U.S. policy both pre-1948 and since then which created the refugee crisis in the first place.

This is not to denigrate America's renowned generosity and charitability. But policies have foreseeable consequences, and good intentions are not always enough. A Marshall Plan to rebuild a war-shattered Europe is one thing; a Carter Plan to build up Egypt and Israel at the expense of a just and comprehensive Middle East peace settlement is another. As they wait in line at the gas pumps, these are things which Americans should be pondering.

Arabsat to issue tender soon for \$200m. project

By Ron Cathell Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 9--The Arab Satellite Communication Organisation (Arabsat) is expected to issue a tender "very soon" for the construction of three satellites and two telemetry tracking and command earth stations. The tender will be valued at over \$200 mil-

"It hasn't been decided definitely when the tender will be floated, hut it will be very soon," the director general of Jordan's Telecommunications Corporation, Mr. Mohammad Shahid Ismail, told the Jordan Times today. Mr. Ismail returned Monday from the Arabsat general assembly meetings in Tunisia where he headed Jordan's delegation. Arabsat is based in Riyadh.

The American consultants Comsat General have nearly completed details of the design for the \$200 million satellite project, the first phase of the telecommunications system. The designs should be finished by the end of June or beginning of July. Arabsat's board of directors will then meet and review the plans, make final adjustments and issue the tender.

The project calls for commissioning of three satellites, the launching of two, and construction of two earth stations to track and control them. One ground station is to be located in Saudi Arabia. The location for the other has not yet been decided. Also included in the project are about 20 transponders to relay telephone, telex

and telegraphic communication. A "primary satellite" will be launched first to inaugurate and test the system until the "major path" satellite is launched and becomes fully operational. The first satellite will then go- on standby for emergency backup. A third satellite will remain on the ground on standby in the event of a malfunction of both orbiting The "major path" satellite will

be equipped with more than 10,000 half circuits enabling it to handle 5,000 telephone calls simultaneously. It will be put on a fixed orbit 36 kilometres above the equator at a point where it can serve the Arab World.

The telecommunications system will serve all members of the Arab League who are also members of Arabsat, except Egypt. The Arabsat general assembly in Tunisia voted to suspend Egypt's membership in ,the organisation in accordance with resolutions adopted by Arab foreign ministers at the Baghdad summit.

The system will be used not only for telephony, telex and telegraphic communications, but also to transmit television programmes throughout the Arab World. Included in the \$200 million project is a highpower transponder on the ground that will enable the orbiting satellite to relay television programmes from one Arab city to another.

People anywhere in the Arab World will be able to pick up television programmes broadcast in the Arab World. All they need is a special, inexpensive and small TV antenna," Mr. Ismail said.

Once the system is operational. which is scheduled for January 1, 1983, the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO) will produce a variety of television programmes for broadcasting through the transponder to all Arab countries.

At the general assembly in Tunisia, Arabsat adopted a resolution to conduct a survey to study how it will implement the second phase of the telcommunications system; that is, the earth stations in each Arab country. The study will attempt to determine bow many transmitting and receiving stations will be needed and how their design and construction can be coordinated with the satellites.

Syrian transport minister leaves

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA) -- Syrian Minister of Transport Dr. Salim Yasine left for home today at the end of his three-day visit to Jordan. During the visit, he took part in the meetings of the Jordanian-

company. The meetings culminated today with the signing by Dr. Yasine and his Jordanian counterpart Ali Suheimat of minutes covering the two companies annual reports, the 1979 Syrian Land Transport Company hudgets and investment plans for and the Jordanian-Syrian shipping this year.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibit

The Dept. of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by Zaki Shaqfeh and Yasser Dwaik at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth.

Children's Books Exhibit

The Friends of Children's Club presents an exhibit of children's books at the Palace of Culture. The exhibit is open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibit of photos on Provence, which is open during regular hours.

Detective Film

The Goethe Institute presents a detective television film entitled "AE617 ohne Landeerlaubnis" (in German) at 8:00 p.m.

COMMENTARY

AL RA'I WEDNESDAY criticises the statement by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance before the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Relations Comminee Tuesday in which he says: "Israeli withdrawal from Arab territory still constitutes a basis for any future Middle East settlement." In the paper's opinion, the statement is ambiguous either

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because Mr. Vance is afraid of the Zionist lobby or because the Carter administration is committed to support Israel's expan-

The statement is ambiguous, the paper adds, because Mr. Vance stipulates Arab recognition of Israel as a precondition for the achievement of peace. Mr. Vance is presenting the Arabs with a "semi-peace" and a "distorted" peace because he completely ignores the legitimate rights of the Palestinians and envisages peace at the expense of Arab rights and lands, the paper writes.

It warns that Mr. Vance will be committing a grave error if he tries to impose a fait accompli on the region and ignores the core of the problem and Palestinian rights.

What is required, the paper concludes, is a comprehensive peace based on U.N. Security Council resolution 242 and not peace through the "carrot and the stick policy" being pursued by Mr. Vance according to which he promises to return to the Arahs part of their occupied territories in exchange for concessions on basic principles which would force the Arahs to succumh to the conspiracy to liquidate the Palestine problem, or face a fait accompli.

AL DUSTOUR says that while Mr. Vance stresses that any future settlement in the Middle East should be based on Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arah territories, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin reiterates that under no circumstances will Israel withdraw from the occupied territories.

This discrepancy between the U.S. and Israeli views, the paper says, simply means that the Camp David agreements have failed to lay the basis of a comprehensive peace in the area. This basis, the paper says, still constitutes a matter of controversy between the U.S. and Israel.

The paper further states that the main reason why Jordan refused to be involved in the Camp David agreements is that such agreements are so ambiguous that they do not lead to a genuine solution to the Middle East problem.

The paper adds that the vagueness of the Camp David agreements is clearly reflected in the contradictory statements made by Mr. Vance and Mr. Begin on the attitude of both the U.S. and Israel vis-a-vis the situation in the area.

The paper also says that in view of the disagreement between the U.S. and Israel, the United States is invited to stop regarding the Camp David agreement as the ideal framework to solve the Middle East problem as this agreement has so far failed to achieve the minimum requirements of peace.

In conclusion, the paper hopes that the Israeli attitude might motivate the U.S. to hold a constructive dialogue with the Arabs with the object of transferring the whole issue to the United Nations in order to implement the U.N. resolutions and lay the foundations of a just and comprehensive peace in the area.

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PLO team due in Amman

AMMAN, May 9 (J.T.) - The joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee set up at the Baghdad summit conference last November to help Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza resist Israeli occupation will convene here in the next few days. Al Dustour news-.

paper reported today. Mr. Hamed Abu Sitta, the director of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's occupied territories affairs department will be coming to Amman from Damascus at the head of a PLO team to continue discussions with Jordanian officials on how best to use the \$150 million earmarked by the Baghdad summit to help support Palestinians under occupation.

Mr. Abu Sitta was in Amman at the beginning of last month for talks with Mr. Adnan Abu Odeh, the Minister of Information and head of the Jordanian side to the committee in his capacity as chairman of the Executive Bureau for Occupied Territories

Old man stabbed to death in Salt

year-old man from Swelleh was stabbed to death last night in Salt by his brother-in-law's 17year-old nephew in an apparent family feud. The assault tonk place following a row that grew into a fight between the old man and his 52-year-old brotherin-law. Apparently, the brotherin-law had taken his wife to her brother's house for still unknown reasons. This led to a fight in which the young man interfered on the side of his uncle and stabbed the old man with his dagger in the neck and other places on his body.

The young man was immediately arrested and the public prosecutor of Salt is said to be conducting an investigation.

NOTEBOOK

The energy of leaders

By Rami G. Khouri

THE LATEST LAPSE of the United States into another so-called "energy crisis" forces observers here in the Holy Land to question yet againwhether we are witnessing a world power in the midst of not only an inability to map out and implement a coherent long-term energy policy, but also a questionable ability to use crisismanagement techniques to get through what should be only a short-term problem of energy

The entire energy picture in the United States is distressing, because it reveals the failure of the American system's otherwise effective selfcorrective mechanisms to tackle this important

What are we to conclude about the United States leadership's ability to address the complexities of the Palestinian issue, when it is bumbling so badly on such a straightforward technical matter as energy? We have little leeway to conclude anything else than that the leadership of the United States is not a very good guardiao of the American national interest.

It is easy to chide the Americans about their half-hearted approach to energy, because the combination of their energy gluttony and the lack of a coherent overall energy strategy makes them easy prey, particularly as it has been more than five years now since the energy dilemma first hit the Americans in the spring of 1973, well before: the Arab oil embargo of that autumn.

It is easy today to blame the Iranian situation for the energy problems of the United States, but that would be as wrong as blaming the spring 1973 energy problems in the United States on the Arab oil embargo that only came at the end of that year. In the politically frenzied atmosphere, however, of an election-minded America, it will be necessary to find scapegoats on whom to pin the blame for the current oil shortages that are most evident in places such as California.

What we are witnessing on the broader level is a test of the quality of American leadership. It is unrealistic to expect any single American citizen. or group, or city, or state to understand fully the sacrifices he or she or it must make alone to reduce energy consumption quickly. This is also unrealistic in practical terms. What is required, though, is an indication that there is an understanding on the national level of the American energy dilemma. This does not mean only reducing oil consumption, but it setates to man very wide spectrum of personal, economic and political forces that determines the very fabric of American constants. In this sense, the test to which the American can leadership is being put is no different from that to which the leadership of every other country. in the world is being put.

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It is simple to come in with short tem strategies, including such components as programmereases, rationing of passings and computers heating limits for buildings. But even this kinded crisis-management, approach is being bath, applied in the United States, parity as a result of political pressures made the Congress that are tude congressional executive food partners.

any meaningful scale.
But it is even more difficult to device a long But it is even more difficult to getter a long term strategy on energy that incorporates in guidelines of where the American probabilities est lies, at a time when the American affinishment of the bridge fast configuration's approach to the Middle fast configurational, approach to problem solving.

The test to which the American leadership being put including state and city level leaders is whether or not the United States can demonstrate a decisiveness in regularity a stated goal without getting embarrassingly rangled in its low self-made contradictions on the way. For example, we are likely to witness the intellectual more ple, we are likely to witness the intellectual more equivalent of adjectival basketball in the coun equivalent of adjectival baskelbail in the coma months in the Americans call for lower OPEC apprices while the cornerstone of the latest Carre administration energy plan is deregulation of domestic oil prices—which is supposed to be American produced oil rise in price, foreset it is OPEC level. We will have no purup, with this a one of the darker sides of democracy and its speech that Thomas Jefferson and Renjam Franklin tailed, unfortunately, to forese.

Energy matters on a global scale include moral component that the United Schespins falls to appreciate, and perhaps is falling to appreciate, and perhaps is falling to appreciate once again in the drive to buy cheap oil and the

to appreciate, and perhaps is falling to appreciate once again in the drive to buy chean of and is from Mexico. While Americans into annualist their sudden energy problems, they also he is this as another opportunity to reexplaine where oil fits into the global political scheme as well where the United States is self fits into the mose of the planet Earth. This assumes a measured self-assuredness and managerial competition of the American leadership that he are not sure is, in fact, all there.

Gaza mayor anticipates strong to accept self-rule pressure could be affected by this mea

AMMAN. May 9 (J.T.)-The Mayor of Gaza, Mr. Rashad Al Shawwa, told Al Ra'i newspaper bere today that both Israel and Egypt are planning on using the Gaza Strip as the experimental stanon for the self-rule plan.

The situation is fraught with peril, be added, because both countries possess the means to exert pressure on inhahitants of the strip to force them to take part in the plan against their will.

The people of Gaza would be willing to accept the so-called autonomy plan if it guaranteed their full legitimate rights, Mr. Al Shawaa added. He listed these as respecting the human rights of the Palestinians under occupation. allowing them to exercise the right

Jordan, Syria sign protocol on education

DAMASCUS, May 9 (JNA)—Jordan and Syria signed here last night a protocol for the implementation of a two-year education programme included in an agreement between the two countries.

The programme provides for the granting of scholarships to Jordanian students to acquire higher academic and vocational education in Syria, and Syrian students to do so in Jordan. The programme also includes the exchange of educational delegations, specialists and expertise as well as the formation of a joint committee to launch cooperation between universities in Jordan and Syria.

The protocol also provides for the exchange of visits by folkloric troupes and specialists in

archaeology.
Signing for Jordan was the
Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Salam Majali and for Syria, his counterpart, Mr. Mohammad Masharqah. Both ministers announced agreement on a comprehensive plan to unify syllabuses and school textbooks for the elementary stage to be com-pleted in the scholastic year 1981/82.

Dr. Majali and his accompanying delegation returned to Amman this afternoon.

of self-determination and putting a balt to Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. The U.S. and Israel claim to be

democratic countries, they ought to grant the Palestinians their rights and accept the choice of the majority of PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, Mr. Al Shawwa said. The Gaza mayor is here for

talks on the conditions in his city and neighbouring areas with Jordanian and PLO officials, to warn them of what might happen.

Israelis imposing a constant blockade along the Gaza coast on the pretext of preventing arms smuggling, thus denying local fishermen their livelihood; and is in a position to bring pressure to bear on some 70,000 labourers from Gaza now working in Israel. Egypt, for its part, has given

hints that it may issue backpay due to Gaza employees in the former Egyptian administration since 1967. Nine thousand families

Israel deports Arab prisoner

AMMAN, May 9 -- The Israeli authorities last Sunday deported to Amman Mr. Fawzi Shafiq Al Zu'hi after he had served an eleven-year sentence in Israeli jails, Al Akhbar reported today.

Mr. Al Zu'bi was arrested in 1968 in a battle with Israeli troops, which took place near the occupied town of Furik in the Nablus district.



students from Gaza studying in Egypt, many Gaza merchants living in Egypt and are vulnerable to pressure, Mr. ALShawwa said The Mayor also complained

that Arah aid to Gaza, so far fotaliing \$12 million, is not sufficient to alleviate the burden on his mon-

Palestinians. appeal to Islamic conference

AMMAN, May 9 (J.T.)-Three leading Palestinian figures today The Prime Minister Jate 13 appealed to the Islamic Foreign-Ministers Conference in Fez 10 take speedy action to put an end to the grave dangers threatening.

Arab Jerusalem and the occupied

Arab territories.

The three, Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh, Rawhi Al Khatib, and Dr. Daoud Al

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and other dignitaries.

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outlined his government of for developing the southers ion and referred to the vigoropicts the government of carrying out them. He also p Khatib, and Dr. Daoud Al Husaini, all members of the Save Jerusalem Committee, said in a statement to Al Dustour that conditions in Jerusalem are serious and the Israelis are carrying out measures to Judaise the city.

They expressed the hope that the conference will respond to the challenges of President Sadat and reject any solutions which do not guarantee the return of Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty.

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Another traditional attitude

about semi-arid land is that the

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age in itself is a good thing," she

said, "but in soil of poor structure,

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ferences between infertile and fer-

tile soil, "Infertile soil," she said.

"is composed of partieles of elay,

silt and sand lacking organic mat-

ter. It is easily pulverised to dust,

quiekly erodes and forms a erust.

When irrigated, it loses 70 per

cent of the water as runoff because

it lacks the pores to absorb it. In

other words, only 30 per cent of

the water is absorbed and it slowly

seeps down to the foundation

"Fertile soil is black, spongy

and full of organic material.

Under the microscope, you ean

discern stable granules that don't

dissolve in water. Because of the

large pore space between the

granules, 100 per cent of the water

penetrates the soil. The water

does not sink to the foundation

level to build up salts because the

granules suck up the water and

"In semi-arid elimates where

the harvest often depends on rain,

when there are 20 days of drought

the roots grow around the

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"One of the problems with-

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JS. May 9 -- An tudying for her masin agriculture at Goetrsity. West Germany, : solution for making -arid lands fertile. ory were to materialplace lands along the ould be planted with sses for at least four paration for planting

· as impractical nor may sound," says an Engel Grecu. She er fourth eight-week to gather firsthaod master's thesis on of the soils in Syria. ity grasses or clovers ve to be planted, the uantities of water for ald only be necessary sage would then h year. Also, only

experimental stages."

The South Australians have suggested a similar project in which clover (or medicago) is mated annually with wheat crops. Ms. Grecu's theory differs in that she recommends that meadow grass or clover not be used for fodder, but left to fertilise the land for three to four years.

"In the area of Deir Ez-Zor salinisation is severe, one-third of 78,000 bectares is our nf production. From 1950 onward, corton production increased to 50 per cent of all erops cultivated in the Middle Euphrates regioo. This monoculture resulted in a deterioration of the soil," she said.

"We know there has been agriculture along the Euphrates from 6000 B.C. -- one of the earliest farming settlements is the neolithic site of Buqras south of Deir Ez-Zor, "If the land was conducive to farming even in prehistory, why is it infenile now?"

Sail particles

Ms. Greeu reasons that much of the deterioration occurred in the 20th century.

One of the worst things one can do to soil is to leave it fallow, yet for more than two decades, this happened when the French probibited Syrians to farm the choice lands along the Euphrates. French-controlled or owned lands were permitted to be cultivated, others were not," she said. She substantiated this claim by eiting the book, "Cotton and Monoculture: Its Role in Syrian Economy," by Bou Ali Yassein, 1974. Beirut.

"In most areas, except Meskench which is wener, the organie content in the soil is very low-less than one per cent. There are conflicting points of view regarding agriculture in semi-arid climates.

Some people take the negative attitude that it's useless to worry about reclamation. The German, E. Wirth, says that out of 18 mil-

(soil particles t



Agronomist Ms. Natasha Green who recommends planting meadow grasses to desalinate Syria's arid soils.

work, it's hopeless, is not being accepted. I'm happy to see, by Syrians at GADEB (General foundation stone, the salts slowly rise to the earth's surface. In Authority for Development of the ancient times farmers tried to half Euphrates Basin t. The Syrians are this process by leaching. That is, aware of the disadvantages of they poured water into the soil to monoculture and the necessity to push the salts below the root level supply soil with organic matter to of plants. This is costly. When you irrigate, you want the water to go At this point, Ms. Green drew a to the plants, not for 70 per cent of diagram and explained the difit to be wasted in keeping the salts

below root level." How then, does she propose to give a fertile structure to infertile. soils in Syria?

'The idea isn't mine," she replied. "I found it in the 1938 reports of a Soviet soil expert, Viljams, who had great success in building organic stores into infertile lands of the Soviet deserts. Evidently, he fell into disfavour because his reports were last reprinted in 1958.

"Basically, Viljams said if you plant perennial pasture grasses for three or four years--and if you do not use the grasses as fodder but let them return to the soil--you can create fertile structures in infertile soil.

"Annual plants, such as wheal, don't allow the soil to build up organic granules because they die in summer and only the roots and straw remain to decay to minerals.

"Pereonial grasses are different: the root mass dies in late autumn and breaks down into simple organic compounds. The roots keep buds in the soil so that

in the following spring new grass and organic refuse eventually ereate an amorphous organic material that enriches the soil."

Ms. Grecu said that elover and grasses absorb nitrogen from the air and release it into the soil from their roots. She notes that legumes also trap nitrogen, "The roots of legumes break the deeper layers of the soil, when the roots decay. they release calcium that, when mixed with the grass risidue, forms a cement -- a very basie way to construct fertile soil."

Ms. Greeu says that Viljams was working in very dry areas receiving less than 300 mm, of precipitation a year. "After six or seven years of implanting the dry soil with meadow grasses, it accepted water penetration and yielded seven tons of wheat per hectare. The average yield in West Germany is four tons per hectare.

The soils Viljams experimented with later were able to resist changes in climate because they had a storage capacity. After growing wheat for six years on rotation basis with fertilisers, be went back to one year of planting

pasture grasses. Smiling broadly, Ms. Grecu qualified her statements: "I'm not trying to traosform the Euphrates region into a meadow, I realise farmers must get a return from their lands and that people must be fed, but wby not try to plant clover in certain areas?

"Why not experiment? The original outlay of water might be large, but after the first year, the material io the soil would hold and store the water at an increasing

"Similar results can be achieved with manure, but it would entail huge quantities. Syrian farmers are also practicing 'green fer-tilising in that they plough 'ful' Hegumes) under the soil io the spring. They might increase nitrogen, but the organic content of the soil isn't increased because the 'ful' is mineralised in the summer. If they ploughed the 'ful' under in the autumn, they would get better

results. If Ms. Greeu has her way, she will present her published master's thesis to the Syrian government next year and hopefully participate in its implementation.

Cabinet approves ratification of Islamic cooperation agreement

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA) -- The cahinet today gave its approval for the exchange of instruments of ratification for an agreement reached at the 1977 Islamic Conference in Saudi Arabia on trade, cultural and technical cooperation among Islamic nations. The cabinet authorised Jordan's ambassador in Jeddah to carry out the exchange of instru-

Governor of Arab Jerusalem meets premier

AMMAN, May 9 (J.T.) -- The governor of Arab Jerusalem Mr. Anwar Khatib culled on Prime Minister Mudar Badran yesterday to disuess a number of issues concerning citizens of Arab Jerusalem and other areas of the occupied West Bank, According to the daily Al Dustour, Mr. Khatib was scheduled to return to Jerusalem today.

Cabinet forms financial delegation

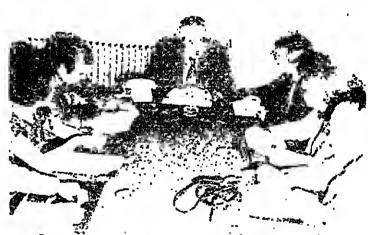
AMMAN, May 9 (JNA) -- The cabinet today formed a financial delegation headed by Finance Minister Mohammad Dabbas to go to Kuwait for talks on increasing Jordanian-Kuwaiti economic cooperation, joint ventures and the employment of Kuwaiti public and private investments in Jordanian projects. Mr. Dabhas is to be accompanied by a high-level nine-member delegation representing leading economic institutions in Jordan,

W. German Development Bank team tours Agaba projects

AQABA, May 9 (JNA) -- A visiting team from the West German Development Bank today toured a number of Jordanian projects financed by the bank in the Auaba region. The projects include those undertaken by the Aqaba Railway and Aqaba Harbour corporations and the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company, The team, which arrived in Jordan on May 2, has also met with Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat to discuss progress of work on these projects.

Tourism minister receives Austrian journalists

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA) -- Minister of Tourism Ghaleb Barakat briefed a visiting team of Austrian journalists today on Jordanian development projects in general and tourism plans in particular. The team is currently visiting Jordanian archaeological and tourist sites at the invitation of the Ministry of Tourism with the purpose of encouraging Austrian newspapers and magazines to write about tourist attractions in Jordan.



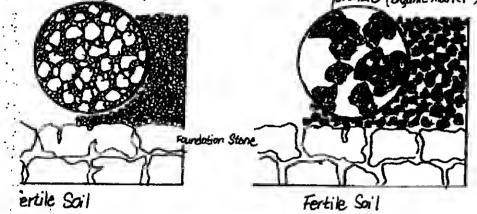
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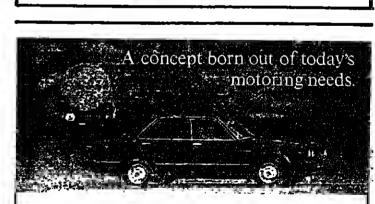
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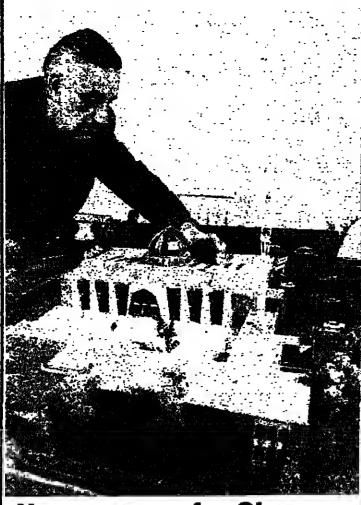
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New mosque for Glasgow

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Intercontinental Basketball Cup

MULHOUSE, France, May 9 (R) -- France, conquerors of the United States last Saturday, won their second match of the Inter-continental Basketball Cup here last night, beating Argentina 103-87. Cheered on by a crowd of 3,200, France took a 7-2 lead in the first two minutes thanks to excellent play by Apollo Faye. Despite valiant opposition from the South Americans -- who were not fielding their first team, at home preparing for the Panamerican games -- the French defence held firm thanks to tight manto-man marking. France led by 10 points at half-time, but minutes after the break the Argentines closed the gap to 48-46. But thanks to spectacular play by Faye, Jacques Cachemire and above all Dubuisson, France surged ahead again to win a clear victory.

Red Star to meet Borussia in UEFA Cup

BELGRADE, May 9 (R) -- Red Star Belgrade expect to beat Borussia Moenchengladbach in their UEFA (European Football Union) Cup final first leg match here today, despite the memory of a humiliating experience against the West German club in the European Cup two years ago. "Everything is excellent. All my players are in top form and the atmosphere is optimistic — we all expect to win," Red Star coach Branko Stankovic said. In 1977, Red Star were swamped by Borussia, 3-0 at home and 5-1 away. Stankovic expects Borussia to play defensively today while attempting swift and dangerous counter-attacks through their fast wingers Simonsen and Lienen. "I think it will be more difficult for us here than io the return match. Against defensive tactics you have to be careful not to throw everything into attack, and alert at the same time for possible counter-attacks," he said. The Belgrade team's optimism is boosted by their triumphs over England's Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion and West Germany's

Hertha Berlin in the three previous rounds of the competition. "The most important thing is that we prevent Borussia from scoring in Belgrade. If we manage that I would be satisfied with a minimum victory." Stankovic said. He added that he had warned his players that Borussia had not lost a single match away or at home in this year's UEFA Cup. "That does not mean we will change our tactics for Borussia. Red Star will play the same game as in all previous matches. There will be no special tasks to stop Simonsen or anybody else," Stankovic said. The match, the first UEFA Cup final in Yugoslavia, has attracted enormous interest.

Red Star officials expect more than 100,000 supporters at the stadium, the biggest in Yugoslavia. Borussia, faced with relegation worries at home, will be without two of their first team regulars, the injured Calle Del have and Hans Klinkhammer. But they have ace defender Berti Vogts back - he returned to the team last month after being sidelined since last August hy a hroken leg - and the diminutive Dane Simonsen could prove a trump card in attack. The Cup would be a fine farewell present for Simonsen, Europe's 1977 Footballer of the Year, who joins Spanish club Barcelona oext season, and for manager Udo Lattek, who also departs next season. He takes over at nearby Dortmund.

Hertha Berlin's trainer Kuno Kloetzer, whose squad went out to Red Star in the semi-finals, has predicted that the Belgrade club will win the Cup. "Borussia has no chance against these Yugoslavs." he said. But Lattek retorted: "Kloetzer should know to what heights Borussia can raise themselves." He added: "We must score a goal in Belgrade. It would be terribly important for

European Amateur Boxing Championships

COLOGNE. West Germany. May 9 (R) - The four Soviet boxers competing on the fourth day of the European Amateur Boxing

Championships in Cologne last night all qualified for the finals. On the first day of the quarter final contests, the winners were flyweight Alexander Dugarov, feather weight Rybakov, light-heavyweight Albert Nikolyan and light-flyo Shamil Sahykov. Four Bulgarian boxers were deteated inci European junior champion Perar Storience, who lost a 5 ff deal sion to West German super-heavy neight. Peter Hussing Other West German winners were Rene Weller who bear Viament Konecny of Czechoslovakia 5-0 in the light weight division, and Greek-born Georg Vlachos who heat Belgium & Mark Renard 5-0 in the hantam-weight. East Germany got three boxens through to the semi-finals.

Women's World Basketball Championships

SEOUL, May 9 (AP) -- Front-running Canada takes on and Italy meets France today as the seven-nation final round the eighth World Basketball Championships for Women read the halfway point. The seven finalists, also including the Unit States, Australia and South Korea rested yesterday unbeaten Canadian girls, with three victories so far, are secretain to dispose easily of the shorter Japanese, who have victory against two losses. Italy and France are both wights with three losses, but the Italians are slightly favoured United States, silver medalist in the 1976 Montreal Computer Australia each with two victories and one loss are in that Australia each with two victories and one loss, are in in the standings after Korea's 3-1 record. The sole Kritean's was to Canada. The defending champion Soviet Umon and other communist countries, which have no diplomatic ref with South Korea, boycotted the Seoul meet-

New Alfa-Romeo entry to race in Belgumbe

MILAN, Italy, May 9 (AP) The brand-new Alfa Rom Formula-One racer will be in Sunday's Grand Prix of Belginia sixth event of the World Championship, officials of Affastable announced yesterday. The all Affa model, entire an assembled by the Italian auto maker, will be driven by Bruno Giacomelli. Alfa Romeo, which also supplies itsen the Brabham team, had been long in doubt whether th new racer in Belgium. Company officials said a final dec made on the basis of competitive times clocked by Giacon series of test runs at Zolder, Holland last week.

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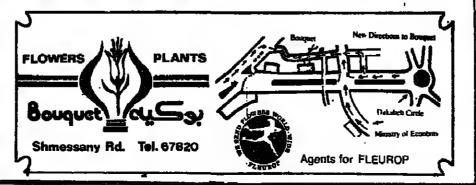
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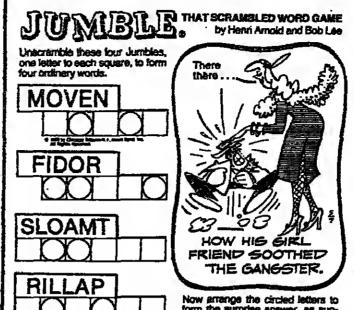
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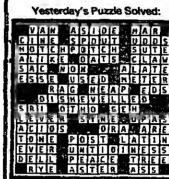


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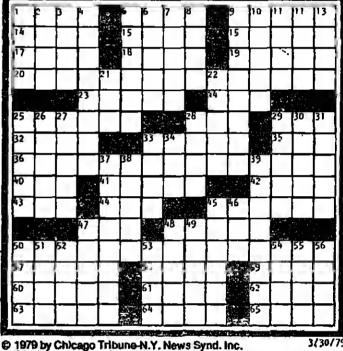
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Yugoslavia, however, has

introduced a version of Califor-

nia's petrol rationing system. New

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Soviet Union.

LONDON, May 9 (R)--About half the governments in Western Europe are trying in various, mainly voluntary, ways to get their people to cut down on energy consumption. But the world oil shortage now causing long queues at California petrol stations has had very limited and uneven effect in Western Europe, a Reuter survey has shown.

West Germany, Britain and Switzerland expect no problems over oil supplies this year. "It can't happen here," a government official said in Bonn.

Mr. Martin Gruener, secretary of state in the West German Economics Ministry, told a radio interviewer that the fall in America's crude oil stocks was

Nepal releases ex-premier

from detention

KATMANDU, May 9 (R) -Former premier B.P. Koirala and other leaders of his banned Nepalese Congress Party were released from detention late last night after heing detained on accusations of organising violent incidents.

Most shops in central Katmandu were closed following a resurgence of student unrest. Small groups of shouting students marched around the capital again this morning.

Mr. Koirala said: "A small student movement was blown into a major national crisis because of the ineptitude of the government which is not responsive to the aspirations and will of the people."

He said he still hoped for national reconciliation with various political groupings uniting hehind King Birendra for a democratic and strong Nepal.

Ammassari, diretor for energy at the Industry Ministry in Rome.

The ministry has drawn up a package of measures, including lower speed limits and shorter opening hours in shops. But no government action is likely before next month's general election.

Italy, which bought 14 million

tonnes of oil from Iran last year, is

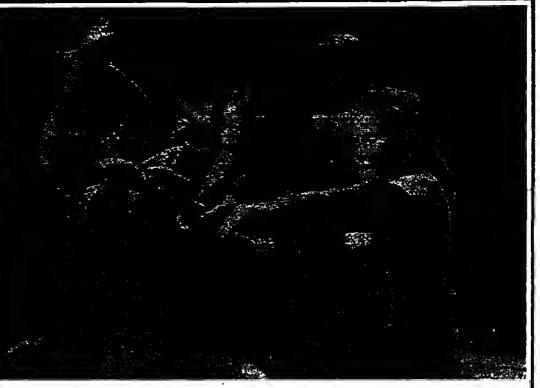
now getting almost none there,

and may run seriously short this

year, according to Mr. Giuseppe

Another country facing possible trouble is Sweden, which got ten per cent less nil last winter than it expected and by February was dipping into its late spring

The government is calling for a voluntary cut in energy use of seven per cent, and there have been waroings that homes and offices may have to be chillier next



LONDON-A group of Scottish schoolchildren will appear at the National Festival of Mime in London this month, finding a means of self-expression in the silent world of mime. But for these nineyear-old pupils from Aberdeen, the world is continually a silent place to live, for they are deaf. The young performers won their way to the festival with a production entitled "Treasure from the Sea" They composed it themselves and came top in the qualifying round at the Scottish Mime Workshop at Stirling University where they are pictured

rehearshing with the help of Mrs. Fay Dunmer, director of the newly-formed mime theatre in Edinburgh. At the Aberdeen School for the Deaf, where they are educated, mime is an important part of language study, complimenting sign language and the use of their residual hearing with powerful aids. Competing against deaf children from all over Britain, a group from the same school gained first place at the National Festival for Mime in 1975 with a play called "North Sea Oil". (COI

On last day prior to introduction of state-wide rationing

California motorists stampede for petrol

LOS ANGELES, May 9 (R) -Car-crazy Californians jumped queues and resorted to violence deadline for the introduction of

petrol rationing.

The state with 16 million vehicles for 22 million people has been worst hit by an oil shortage which has led President Carter to

powers from Congress. Without waiting for Mr. Carter's plan, California Governor yesterday prior to the midnight Jerry Brown approved a state rationing scheme.

But many motorists showed themselves prepared to use force to get their tanks filled before it took effect at midnight. Police and other officials reported ugly seek emergency petrol rationing scenes in queues of ill-tempered

scuffles and crashes as some motorists who tried to sneak ahead were rammed by other Throughout Califoroia, petrol

In the north Indian city of Lucknow, Mrs. Gandhi's son Sanjay was released after spending two nights in jail for protesting against a police han on a demon-

stration against the special courts. The ban was imposed following violence at a similar demonstration in New Delhi led by Mr. Gandhi on May Day when he was arrested and spent two nights in

about 40 people for the effects of swallowing fuel while trying to siphon it from tanks. In Santa Ana, a family of seven were badly burned when fuel

stored in their garage exploded.

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A driver in Hollywood held off

Many filling station attendants

armed themselves with clubs or

guns. Several knifings were

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an angry crowd at gunpoint as he pumped fuel into his tank after

pulling in front of 50 cars.

After a week of petrol shortages, Califoroians were either "coping with the crisis or going crazy," one police officer said.

U.S. scientists claim breakthrough

Under Governor Brown's scheme, cars with number plates ending in odd numbers can only be served on odd-dated days and cars with even number on even days.

Mr. Carter's plan, which has been modified three times to meet objections from the Senate Energy Committee, favours rural states where drivers travel long

The committee finally approved the stand-by plan on a 9-7 vote yesterday and Committee Chairman Henry Jackson predicted the full Senate would also now approve it.

Under the terms submitted to Congress, the bill will die unless both the Senate and House of Representatives pass it by Friday.

In a last effort to win support for the rationing plan, the White House said crude oil reserves now totalled 319 million harrels, dangerously close to the 310 million harrel level considered the nation's minimum safe supply.

World News Briefs

U.S. Senate committee approves aid for Turkey

WASHINGTON, May 9 (R) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday approved a \$4.3 hillion foreign security assistance. bill after voting \$100 million emergency aid for Turkey. Turkey needs the money as part of a European effort to help it cope with interval economic problems. Last week, the committee approved 2 separate \$450 million aid package for Turkey that included \$25? million in military credits and training and \$198 million in economist aid. Before approving the aid bill, the committee also increase military credits for Indonesia from \$35 million to \$45 million and military credits for Malaysia from \$7 million to \$12 million.

FAO reports progress against locust plague

ROME, May 9 (R) -- Major progress has been made in heating back a plague of locusts in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East. according to a senior official of the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). "Many victories have been won since you last met in November but the war is not yet over." Assistant Director-General D.F.R. Bonner tald the agency's Locust Control Committee. "Intensive campaigns along the Red Sea coasts of Sudan and Saudi Arabia in the winter of 1978-79 achieved complete success.'. he added. In eastero Ethiopia, one of the sources of the plague, some swarms may be on the move but only small locust populations have been reported, he said. In India and Pakistan, excellent deinfestation programmes prevented a major reinvasion of the two-countries by locusts, Mr. Bonner added.

U.S. 'grossly underestimated' inflation rate

WASHINGTON, May 9 (R) - Treasury Secretary Michae Blumenthal said yesterday the Carter administration had grossly underestimated its budget prediction of a 7.4 per cent inflation rate this year. "It will be at the 8.5 per cent level -- perhaps more than that," be told a Senate appropriations subcommittee. Mr Blumenthal said that the gross national product -- total goods and services produced - this year would be about two per cent, perhaps lower. The projected figure was 2.3 to 2.4 per cent. He predicted that "more bad price news is possible in the months to come" but said the administration would not force a recession with high unemployment to force down the inflation rate nor call for mandatory wage and price. controls. The administration's voluntary wage and price guidelines were being tightened, he added.

Turkish professor awarded UNESCO prize

PARIS, May 9 (R) - Turkish Professor Mumtaz Soysal of Ankar-University was yesterday awarded the first UNESCO prize fo. human rights teaching. Professor Soysal received a gold medal and cheque for \$2,000 at the Paris headquarters of the United Nation: Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. He said the aware was an honour to his country and to all Turks who fought for human

'Rebel' pro-Palestiniar prelate will obey Pope

VATICAN CITY, May 9 (R)--A rebellious pro-Palestinian Catholic prelate from Jerusalem has agreed to obey the Pope and

not take actions harmful to Israel, the Vatican said yesterday. Monsignor Hilarion Capucci, jailed for 12 years in 1974 by the Israelis for gun-running and released after the personal intervention of Pope Paul VI three years later, made the promises to the Holy See, a spokesman said.

The prelate, formerly patriarchal vicar of Melchite-rite Catholics, gave his assurances after breaking an earlier agreement between the Holy See and Israel that he would not return to the

Middle East after his release. In recent months, he attended a meeting involving the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Damascus and also visited

revolutionary leaders in Iran although he was meant to be working in Latin America.

Yesterday's move followed an earlier announcement that Pope John Paul had appointed Monsignor Capucci pastoral visitor to ? the Greek Catholic (Melchite) communities in Western Europe. Vatican sources said the appointment amounted to a declaration of peace between the Vatican and Monsignor Capucci. "He declared his readiness to accept all that the Pope might decide; with respect to him," a Vatican spokesman said.

But Monsignor Capucci declared that his ties to Jerusalem had not been cut forever. "You should note that I am a 'visitor' which means that my post is temporary," declared in an interview. "Myties to Jerusalem are not severed."

Aldo Moro's murder unsolved year later

ROME, May 9 (R) -- Former Premier Aldo Moro was murdered one year ago today, but no one knows for sure who killed the respected elder statesman and Italy is still living in the shadow of

The anniversary of Mr. Moro's death was marked by ceremonies throughout the country as Italians recalled the moment his ended 55 days of drama and tragedy perhaps unparalleled in

"A year has passed since that terrible day," said Mr. Benigno Zaccagnini, the secretary of Mr. Moro's Christian Democrat Party. "And yet for us today is still May 9, 1978. The wound has not healed, and the emptiness has not been filled."

Mr. Moro, five times Italy's prime minister, was found curled up in the back of a nny red Renault with 11 bullets in his chest. The car had gone unnoticed until a telephone call from his murderers told his family where the body could be found.

In the last month a series of police swoops has picked up guerrillas who may have made the telephone call. Some 40 Red Brigades members are under arrest in connection with the murder but none has been brought to trial. Nobody knows for certain who planned the kidnap nor who

took part in it. Nobody knows where Mr. Moro was held prisoner.

Nor why or where he was killed, nor on whose orders. Since Mr. Moro's death, there have been no more political kidnappings, but 37 Italians have died in guerrilla attacks. At least 65 others have been injured. There is a risk, as a Rome newspaper put it, of "a permanent, endemic state of guerrilla warfare."

Mrs. Gandhi could be tried soon under new legislation NEW DELHI, May 9 (R)-India's Agarwal said,

lower honse of parliament yes-terday approved a hill setting up special courts to try ex-premier Indira Gandhi and others for alleged offences during her 21month emergency rule.
In passing the hill, the Lok

Sahha agreed to amendments proposed by the upper house (Rajya Sabha), including one that judges be nominated by the chief

The bill now goes to President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy for his signature, and Home Ministry officials said the courts should be in operation within a few weeks.

Meanwhile, Minister of State for Finance Satish Agarwal told the upper house that the Central Bureau of Investigation had been ordered to probe allegations that an Italian company arranged for a \$100,000 gift to Mrs. Gandhi while she was in power.

But the deal, supposed to have been completed before the 1977 general election in which Mrs. Gandhi's government was defeated, did not materialise and the payment was never made, he said.

He said the government was in possession of a letter from the unnamed company saying the money would be deposited in a bank in Hong Kong for Mrs. Gandhi. In return the company would be allowed to export 3,000 tonnes of man-made fibre to India, Mr.

with new multiple-mirror telescope TUCSON, Arizona, May 9 (R) --A new six-mirrored telescope,

third largest in the world and one which scientists say is a hreakthrough rivalling the inventions of Galileo, was dedicated today. The \$9 million telescope stands

on top of the 2,600-metre summit of Mount Hopkins in the Santa Rita Mountains, 55 kilometres south of Tucson. In studying distant galaxies, its

radically new concept uses six 182.88-centimetre telescope mirrors that create a light-gathering capability comparable to a single mirror 447.04 centimetres in diameter.

The project is expected to open the way for a new generation of multiple-mirror telescopes larger

than any now in use. Conventional telescopes have used only one large mirror, hut as their size and power increased, the

polish and aim. Today's formal dedication ceremony of the multiple-mirror telescope, or MMT, caps a tenyear effort by U.S. scientists.

The idea of a multi-mirror telescope emerged at the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory in Tucson, and at the Smithsonian Institution's Astrophysical Observatory, which operates the Mount Hopkins tele-

The only larger optical telescopes are the 200-inch Hale reflector on Mount Palomar in Los Angeles and a 236-inch telescope in the Crimea in the southwest of the Soviet Union.

Construction of a traditional optical telescope as powerful as mirrors became too large to make, the MMT would have cost \$30 million and required a mirror 176 inches in diameter.

Dr. Frank Low, one of the originators of the MMT, said it was a first step towards building telescopes large enough to actually see other planetary systems.

"It can resolve the size, shape and structure of objects previously regarded only as points of light. It opens up a new level of inquiry," according to Dr. Low, a member of the university's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory and of its Steward Observatory.

By Jeremy Morgan

BRUSSELS -- The long-awaited European Monetary System (EMS) has finally come into force, linking most of the currencies in the European Economic Cnmmunity (EEC). Considering the complexity of the scheme, it has so far jogged along fairly comfortably. Nevertheless, the first month of operation provided at least one major surprise.

The currencies which might have been expected to hold steady as EMS got under way tended to lose out to the currencies belonging to those countries which at the beginning of this year were still decidedly cov about joining EMS. EEC countries with strong economies and low inflation rates, such as West Germany, saw the value of their currencies against

other EMS units drift downwards. Conversely, at the other end of the scale, EEC countries with wobbly economies and high inflation--most notably Italy--have watched their currencies set the pace at the expense of the traditionally less vulnerable

currencies. Great things are expected of EMS, a complex system of checks and balances designed to achieve stability in exchange rates between the currencies-and provide a currency bloc for protection against fluctuations in other leading currencies such as the U.S. dollar and the Japanese yen.

More ambitiously, those who over the years have carried the torch for a United States of Europe hope that EMS will be the first step towards a common unit of currency for the EEC, which is a

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Surprise twist in Europe's 'Supersnake'

For the moment at least, such ideals are neither here nor there since Britain, alone among the Nine, has yet to join EMS. Ironically, it now looks as if the British pound would have gained in the long run during the early days of the system. Britain's absence instead has helped create problems for its fellow-members of the

currency ring.

The underlying intention of the system is to co-ordinate as closely as possible the foreign exchange policies used by central banks controlling individual EMS currencies, so that those currencies do not get too far out of line with each other.

Common Market in operating the

EMS is centred on specific "central" exchange rates set for each of the eight currencies against each of the seven others. Firm limits have been set on the extent to which any individual currency is free to move up or down against one or more of the others-a fluctuation margin.

Most currencies are allowed to trade within a hand of 2.25 per cent above and below its fixed "central" exchange rate against each of the other seven. (The exception is Italy, permitted a six per cent band because of the lira's inherent instability.) These margins m turo set out minimum levels, or "floors", and maximums ("ceilings") for exchange rates between pairs of currencies within the EMS. These are the "inter-

"intervention" point, central bank activity is triggered off to prevent it from either rising or falling beyond its EMS limits.

In simple terms, the banks will generally support a currency sitting on its "floor", by buying it in the amount required to restore its parity. A currency bouncing up at its "ceiling" will generally be sold to bring it down. If just two currencies are

involved, then what virtually

amounts to a straight swap might take place, with the central banks doing their business in the currency which needs market sup-When the Belgian franc recently slipped to its "floor"

against Denmark's krone--or, more accurately, the Danish currency hit its Belgian franc "ceiling"--central banks purchased francs until order was restored.

To date, EMS has got under way without any major mishaps. However, things have not quite turned out the way some foreign exchange observers had thought likely.

In a well-ordered economic world, the Belgo-Danish deal might have worked the other way round, with the franc bumping up against the krone, since Belgium's inflation rate of four per cent is among the best in the EEC, and rather more impressive than Denmark's seven per cent.

Denmark's more evident inflationary weakness might have

The early stages of Europe's longawaited new Monetary System have already produced one odd paradox - the Common Market countries with the strongest economies and lowest inflation rates have seen the value of their currencies drift downwards against those of the economically weaker members.

been expected to undermine the krone against a currency backed by a more stable economy, such as the Belgian franc. However, such immaculate economic logic has not worked out in EMS so far.

In fact, it had been the Italian lira which has led the way -although Italy's inflation rate of 13 per cent a year is the highest in the EEC. The lira has consistently been at the top of daily EMS fluctuation tables, having before Easter gained around three per cent against the weakest currency in

EMS to date, the Belgian franc. Had it not been for Italy's special six per cent fluctuation margin, there would have been intervention selling of lire already on a substantial scale to bring the Italian currency off the top and back in line.

France, which early this year delayed joming EMS over farm from West Germany, has watched its franc perform steadily if unspectacularly within EMS mar-

French inflation is currently running at around ten per cent a year. Contrast that with the German mark, dawdling around the lower end of its fluctuation hand against most other EMS currencies--although German inflation of little more than three per cent a year is the lowest within This apparent paradox can be

explained with the help of hindsight. EMS currencies are obviously not immune to the vagaries of foreign exchanges operating outside Continental Europe--and they are no more rency "basket" upon which ECU protected against other developments in the outside world. Concern at higher raw material costs, ciating the value of some EMS and crude oil prices especially, has currencies in ECU terms. With the price concessions, principally certainly helped unsettle the pound remaining outside the sys-

tem. EMS central bankers have

In addition, money managers have spotted the attractive interest rates which some EMS countries have adopted as part of their monetary and fiscal policies. These tend to be the countries with high inflation rates, where tight credit is required of necessity. Hence the drift towards deposits in these currencies-and strong demand for their trad-

itionally weaker currencies. Complicating the picture still further has been the absence of sterling. EMS currencies are not only linked by fluctuation margins between each other: they are also linked closely to an artificial EEC currency, the European Currency Unit (ÉCU), and can only trade within specific limits against ECUs.

Unfortunately for the EMS partners, ECUs are based on a collective value of all nine EEC currencies--and sterling has been trading actively and strongly against virtually all other leading currencies. Against the ECU, sterling had

by Easter advanced by two per cent since the start of EMS alone. But sterling's advance on the foreign exchanges has also helped push the collective value of the ECU upwards, since the pound is an important element of the curvalues are based.

This has had the effect of depre-

decided to ignore sterling-induced "excessive" fluctuations in the value of ECUs-and thus disregard any apparent slides in ECU quotations for some EMS cur-

With the wide disparity between EEC inflation rates likely to persist, the chances are that the weakness of some currencies, which might otherwise be expected to do well in EMS, will probably continue for some time.

Dr. Otmar Emminger, president of West Germany's Bundesbank, has predicted that it will be years rather than months before divergent inflation rates converge and force changes in EMS exchange rates. But the EEC Commission in Brussels has warned the EMS will not work' properly until European inflation rates are brought more closely

It is suggested that the one "maverick" currency likely to dictate the short-term future of EMS is sterling-the one EEC currency outside the system. The catch is that Britain does much of its trade, and hence a large slice of its foreign exchange transactions, with its partners in the EEC--all of them now trying to work EMS.

It is argued with some force that by any logic, sterling should already be in, both for its sake and for that of the "Supersnake", as EMS has been dubbed in some quarters. Against that, it is argued that sterling has probably done better so far by staying out.

above its thenretical EMS banc some British officials suggest th EMS membership might be tl best way to ensure some stabili for the pound in the long run. Iro ically, one of the British arg ments against joining EMS w that the system could overval the pound.

However, with sterling nc -

This has evidently happened ... EMS or not. With sterling now; ing high, it might now be m difficult and painful for Britain join EMS late in the day. Bu seems to have little other chn as a member of the EEC, un EMS founders.

With the mark at low levels, West Germans might well pr for sterling to enter EMS at highest "central" rate possible ensure that the pound does jolt the system too hard should continue to rise.

Ironically, during the months it took France to make its mind to join and Britai decide to stay out, all the rencies expected to take behaved rather as if EMS already in force. It was suspec that EMS central bankers tacitly agreed to try the prope scheme out while the politic haggled over their difference:

Since EMS formally came operation, some wrinkles begun to emerge. But Britas expected to join--however re tantly. That day has yet to ca and on current indication unlikely to offer much immeg benefit for either the Britis. their currency.

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